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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**). Reference 13 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**:

- 1) U.S. Application Publication No. US20030054973, Piero, March 20, 2003;
- 2) U.S. Application Publication No. US20020107195, Gupta, August 8, 2002;
- 3) PCT International Publication No. WO0236078, Bryon, October 5, 2002;
- 4) PCT International Publication No. WO03047616, Orit et al., July 12, 2003.
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- 9) Asahara, Takayuki et al. (1999) VEGF contributes to postnatal neovascularization by mobilizing bone marrow-derived endothelial progenitor cells, *The EMBO Journal* 18: 3964-3972;
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- 11) Murohara, Toyoaki et al. (2000) Transplanted cord blood-derived endothelial precursor cells augment postnatal neovascularization, *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* 105: 1527-1536;
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13) U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0199464 A1, Itescu, published October 23, 2003. (Exhibit 1)

References 1-12 were previously cited in connection with the prosecution of U.S. Serial Number 10/128,738, from which the subject application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120. According to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of patents or publications that were previously cited by, or submitted to, the Office in connection with such prior applications need not accompany the Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, copies of the references 1-12 are not attached to this Information Disclosure Statement.

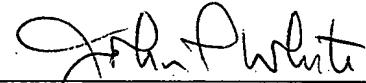
Applicant requests that the Examiner review the publications and make them of record in the subject application. Applicant is submitting this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

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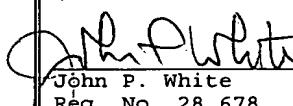
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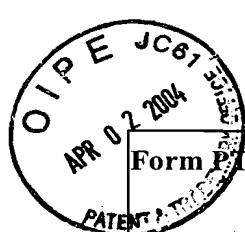
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